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FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM SONGKHLA 02 OCT REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L SONGKHLA 186

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EINV, PFOR, TH, US

SUBJ: TEMCO A D MINING LEASES

REF: SONGKHLA 184

1. I MET WITH TEMCO MANAGER, PAT LYONS, SEPTEMBER 30 IN PHUKET. HE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT COMPANY BEGINNING OPERATIONS AGAIN BY END OF OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH PHANG NGA DISTURBANCES LIKELY INFLUENCE SITUATON (REFTTEL). LYONS SAID THAT AFTER HE LAID OFF 104 WORKERS IN JUNE, RTG ASKED HIM TO POSTPONE RETRENCHMENT AND GAVE ASSURANCES TEMCO WILL BE PERMITTED OPERATE AGAIN, ALBEIT  
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UNDER DIFFERENT NAME OR CONTRACT.

2. DURING SAME VISIT, HOWEVER, LOCAL THAI MINING MAGNATES AND EXPATRIATES EXPRESSED CYNICISM IN FUTURE FOREIGN MINING IN AREA DUE TO PRESSURE FROM LEFTISTS AND ILLEGAL MINERS IN PHANG NGA (REFTEL). DEMAND TO VOID ALL FOREIGN MINING LEASES IS RUNNING INTO LITTLE OPPOSITION FROM RTG, AND PHUKET MINING INTERESTS EXPECT CONTINUED TROUBLE. ONE MALAY-OWNED FIRM, OPERATING AT MARGINAL PROFITS, HAS CLOSED FOR GOOD RATHER THAN STAND CONTINUED HARASSMENT: IT FIRED 300 WORKERS. OTHER FIRMS ALSO WITHHOLDING INVESTMENT. THESE INCLUDE BRITISH, SOUTH AFRICAN AND SINGAPORE COMPANIES, AS WELL AS AT LEAST TWO ADDITIONAL US FIRMS, BETHLEHEM STEEL AND PACIFIC TIN.

3. WHATEVER LYONS DID ADMIT TEMCO HAS NOW CANCELLED PLANS TO INVEST \$30 MILLION IN ANOTHER DREDGER FOR THE AREA. I SUSPECT LONGTIME PHUKET FAMILIES' WORRIES ARE CLOSER TO ACTUAL SITUATION AND THAT LAWLESSNESS AND MALAISE WILL DRAG ON HERE. THIS IN TURN WILL AFFECT OIL FIRMS' DESIRE TO INVEST IN AREA AND CERTAINLY UNDERCUTS FUTILE ASSERTION THAT TEMCO IS ISOLATED CASE. CASTRODALE  
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